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SUBJ: JORDANIAN SALE OF ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA; HUSSEIN'S
REPRESENTATION AT ARAB SUMMIT

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1. PRINCE SULTAN, SAUDI MINISTER OF DEFENSE (AND NOT RPT
NOT OF THE KINGDOM'S PERRENIAL ANTI-HASHEMITES) RAISED
WITH THE AMBASSADOR TODAY (SEPT 23) THE "STUPIDITY" OF
THE RECENTLY REVEALED JORDANIAN SALE OF ARMS TO SOUTH
AFRICA.

2. HE SAID THE KING SHOULD NOT HAVE DENIED IT; HE SHOULD
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HAVE SAID THAT UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS WERE RESPONSIBLE AND

THEY WOULD BE SWIFTLY PUNISHED. HE ASSUMED THAT THE ONLY REASON THIS WAS NOT DONE AND STILL IS NOT BEING DONE IS THAT MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY (HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY SHARIF NASIR) ARE INVOLVED.

3. SULTAN WENT ON TO COMMENT ON THE DETERIORATING RELATIONS BETWEEN KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN AND THE REST OF THE ARAB WORLD BUT SAID IT WOULD BE A GREAT ERROR FOR HUSSEIN NOT RPT NOT TO ATTEND THE ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE. NO MATTER HOW BAD ARE HIS RELATIONS WITH THE ARABS, HE SAID, HUSSEIN SHOULD GO TO THE CONFERENCE TO DEFEND HIS OWN INTERESTS. SITTING IN HIS DESERT AND SULKING IN HIS TENT WILL ONLY GUARANTEE A RESOLUTION ON THE PALESTINIANS THAT WILL NOT BE TO HUSSEIN'S LIKING.
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